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1 Mayor Rahm Emanuel, under heavy criticism for his handling of a police shooting that resulted in the death of a black teen, apologized on Wednesday for problems with the police department and promised reform. In a special address to the City Council, the mayor said, "I'm sorry," and promised "complete and total reform of the system." REUTERS

GAY MARRIAGE ADVOCATES

2 A North Carolina law that allows government officials to refuse to perform same-sex marriages if they cite religious objections is unconstitutional and should be struck down, according to a federal lawsuit filed on Wednesday to challenge the measure. The six plaintiffs, who include gay couples, argue the legislation allows magistrates and other officials who perform marriages to put their personal beliefs before their sworn constitutional duty. REUTERS

CANADA GETS REFUGEES

3 The first planeload of Syrian refugees from camps in Jordan and Lebanon will arrive in Canada on Thursday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Wednesday. Another such aircraft will arrive in Montreal on Saturday, he told legislators. REUTERS

242 GUITARS

7 242 local guitarists gathered at the Citi Schubert Theatre in Boston on Wednesday to perform the song "Falling Slowly" from the hit show "Once." The crowd made up the largest group to come together to play the song ever in the United States.

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BOSTON 3-ALARM BLAZE

4 A three-alarm fire broke out in a house in Brookline late Wednesday morning. "Firefighters from both Brookline and nearby Newton responded to the blaze at 45 St. Paul Street, which is in Brookline's Coolidge Corner neighborhood," NECN reported. Onlookers watched anxiously as firefighters responded to the scene. MATT LEE

QUINCY HOME INVASION

5 Police are currently on the hunt for the second of two suspects who allegedly invaded a Quincy home Tuesday evening and tied up one of its residents, a woman who is six months pregnant. The victim's 16-year-old daughter ran upstairs and called the police. "Please hurry, I think they're hurting her," the young girl reportedly told the dispatcher. "When officers arrived, police chased down and arrested Kevin Murphy, who is now charged with assault and battery, kidnapping and home invasion," WCVB Boston reported. MATT LEE

CAMPUS COP FIREPOWER

6 Northeastern University will equip its police department with semiautomatic rifles, despite concern from law enforcement. Northeastern's decision to increase their firepower was met with opposition from Boston police, who claim they were not included in the discussion, Boston.com stated. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Artists vying for spots on Greenway

All eyes are on the long, very public venue as a deadline looms.

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Boston artists were hitting the drawing board this week as the deadline loomed for a spot on the long and windy space that's quickly becoming center stage for Boston's blossoming public art scene: the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

The 1.5-mile-long, seven-year-old green area on the spot that was a pre-Big Dig expressway has lots of art on its résumé, including the provocative Dewey Square murals, the massive multicolored aerial sculpture by Janet Echelman and a rotating menu of installations.

Out-of-towners make up a big chunk of that work, but the Greenway is now turning its attention hyper-local with a call-out to Massachusetts-only artists. Up to five will be selected to show off their work in the space and given a $5,000-$10,000 budget. Submissions for the project, called "The Local," are due Monday.

"We should be showing off our local talent that is here," said Lucas Cowan, Greenway public art curator.

Public art has been percolating in Boston for years, but artists told Metro the city's new efforts over the past few years — making permitting for art easier, for example — has brought more chances than ever to make a splash in the Hub right out in the open. Area artists said they were eager to take advantage of the Greenway's high-traffic real estate while excitement around public art in the city gains steam.

> *"We should be showing off our local talent that is here."*
>
> Cowan

"It's kind of addictive, the energy when something goes up in the public realm," said Gianna Stewart, a 25-year-old recent graduate of the Museum of Fine Arts School. "Boston just seems to kind of have a spark right now."

Stewart, who recently installed a piece called "Toll With Me" — 8,500 bells tied to a chain-link fence — on A Street, said she hasn't settled on an idea yet.

"Details get hammered out at the last minute," she said.

Arty veterans are also competing for a spot, among them, couple Michael Moss and Claudia Ravaschiere, Boston public art co-conspirators for more than a decade.

They've had work featured around the city and were the pair behind "Shimmer," the colorful plexiglass panels that were on the Congress Street Bridge last year. This weekend, they're installing a piece under a pergola at Atlantic Wharf. It features glowing orbs and it's called "Celestial."

Public Art Curator for the Rose Kennedy Greenway, Lucas Cowan in Dewey Square. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Even with all that going on, Ravaschiere was walking around the Greenway today, taking pictures and dreaming up an artistic pitch for the couple to draft and submit by Monday – a lot to juggle, she said, but it's exciting, if intimidating, to have so many opportunities all at once.

"You have to be nimble as a public artist," Ravaschiere said. "I liken it to rock climbing. The fear drives you up the face of the rock."

At the same time, the Greenway has put out a nationwide call for art submissions to a monkey-themed Zodiac exhibit outside Chinatown.

But there are no limits on what artists can submit for "The Local," said Cowan, the curator. Anything from photography to sculpture to painting to lightshows, or whatever else Massachusetts can come up with, is all fair game.

"Really, we're looking for engaging pieces of artwork, so please just encourage everyone to apply," Cowan said.

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Keolis faces Reddit in a Commuter Rail Q&A session online

A few takeaways from the rail operator's "Ask Me Anything."

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Commuter Rail operator Keolis put itself in the hot seat on Wednesday, taking a barrage of questions from Reddit users in an "Ask Me Anything" Q&A.

The online forum lets users identified only by their username ask the transit company anything they pleased.

In responses, there wasn't much new on the big issues of the day. Only some of the hundreds of questions got answers.

For example, this one, from a user called "cutyourface," wasn't one of them:

"What guaranteed promises can you make about improvements to the overall rider experience over the next six months and what are the names of the executive leadership members at Keolis who can be held responsible if those promises are not kept?"

But there were some interesting tidbits to come from the Internet outreach.

Maybe commuter rail riders should scoot over

The company again responded to the issue of overcrowding on rush hour trains amid reports that many passengers end up having to stand in the aisles for the long ride home in trains packed past capacity. The issue that was the subject of a recent Boston Herald investigation.

"We recognize the importance of seat availability and comfort for our passengers," said Gerald Francis, Keolis general manager. "That being said, if you didn't have a seat today we know that's of little comfort."

He also said he believed part of the problem is "many passengers don't use the middle seat."

Ever wonder why commuter rail trains don't pull all the way into South Station?

"Trains are required to stop short of the station due to the bus terminal.

There's no vent for the diesel exhaust from the locomotive," wrote Scott Treece, chief transportation officer. Tracks 8, 9, and 10 are exceptions, Treece said.

Keolis might get in the tour guide business

One user, named "mbta_throw" asked whether Keolis might "offer tours of old tunnels and behind-the-scenes stuff every once in a while."

Said Francis, the GM: "Thanks for the idea. We'll look into it."

The "craziest thing" that ended up stopping a train?

"A mother dog and her puppies between the rails," wrote Treece.

Said Franck Dubourdieu, deputy general manager: "Lady having a baby on the train. In France if that happens you get a lifetime train pass!"

Said Keenon Foster, director of quality and performance improvement: "110.7 inches of snow."

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$120 million in Snowmageddon relief for Mass.

Gov. Charlie Baker announced the federal relief package on Wednesday.

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Gov. Baker NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Uncle Sam will help Massachusetts pay for last winter's Snowmageddon fallout.

The state is set to receive $120 million in disaster relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help pay storm-related costs, Gov. Charlie Baker announced Wednesday. Roughly half the money will go to nonprofits and state agencies and half to municipalities, Baker said.

The announcement makes the record-breaking snowfall this year "the commonwealth's largest public assistance disaster in history," Baker said in a news release.

"I'm proud that Massachusetts is securing this critical budgetary relief as a result of last winter's damages, especially for our impacted cities and towns," Baker said in a statement.

FEMA has spent about $24 million of that amount so far, with $2.8 million of it supporting contracted snow removal costs.

"In Boston, we have learned lessons from the challenges of last year's historic amount of snow and worked to take every step to prepare for this year," said Mayor Marty Walsh. "However, we know that's only possible when we work together, and I am grateful for FEMA and the Baker administration for helping to secure this critical reimbursement funding as we prepare for another winter in Boston."

The snow farm in the seaport district proved massive last year.

Help Metro make magic

Please donate to the Metro Magic annual holiday toy drive during the 2015 holiday season.

Lilliana, 2, opens up a present. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Metro is once again launching Tony's Metro Magic, our annual toy drive for underprivileged children in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

This year marks the seventh anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor-in-chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

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Boston political writer petitions Trump to prove he isn't a Muslim

Donald Trump has called for a ban on accepting Muslim immigrants and visitors to the U.S.

Following Donald Trump's call for a nationwide ban on accepting Muslim immigrants, one local political writer started a petition on Change.org, calling for Trump to prove that he is not a Muslim.

David S. Bernstein, a writer for Boston magazine and WGBH, called on Trump on Wednesday to prove his non-Muslim allegiance.

"Donald Trump says Muslims — including U.S. citizens traveling abroad — should not be allowed back into the United States," Bernstein wrote. "Since he will reportedly travel abroad later this month, how do we know if it is safe to let him return? We need him to provide clear, positive evidence that he is not a Muslim."

Images of Trump with Muhammad Ali, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Mike Tyson and other prominent Muslims are common, even though his speeches have targeted Muslims on many occasions.

"The issue is that he wants a religious test on other people, saying he wants to bar people from coming here, which may include citizens abroad, vacationers, and that we need to have a test to determine their faith," Bernstein said.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

"I think that this is a reasonable question to ask him to provide his own proof that would satisfy his standards. We know Trump was a leading birther talking about Obama's birth certificate, and demanding high levels of proof. If there's no way for him to prove it, then how can it be proved elsewhere? He should have some kind of test in mind."

Trump plans to visit the Middle East at the end of the month.

Bernstein said he is serious about the petition and is looking for a reasonable number of signature to give him the ability to demand Trump's campaign answer his own religious test. There were 35 supporters of the petition eight hours after it was started yesterday. NATE HOMAN

Muslim proposal prompts calls to ban Trump from UK, Israel

Israeli politicians and more than 250,000 Britons urged their governments on Wednesday to bar Donald Trump from their countries after the Republican presidential front-runner said Muslims should be denied entry into the United States.

The calls were part of a growing global backlash against Trump's proposal that cut across nationalities and religions, and began to hit the real estate mogul's brand in the Middle East.

Although Israeli politicians demanded Trump be blocked from a planned visit, a Dec. 28 meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was still on. In addition to the online petition calling for a ban on Trump from the United Kingdom, a Scottish university revoked his honorary degree.

A major chain of Middle East department stores halted sales of the real estate mogul's glitzy "Trump Home" line of lamps, mirrors and jewellery boxes.

Even China weighed in with indirect criticism of Trump's comments, which have been condemned by the White House, U.S. congressional leaders, the United Nations, the prime ministers of France and Britain, a wide array of human and civil rights groups and many of Trump's Republican rivals and potential Democratic opponents in the November 2016 U.S. presidential election. REUTERS

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Ireland unveils minimum alcohol price plan to reduce consumption

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The Irish government, aiming to change the country's "damaging attitude to alcohol," approved Wednesday plans for minimum prices for drinks in the hope of reducing one of Europe's highest levels of alcohol consumption.

A bill to be submitted to parliament later this month would set a minimum of 10 euro cents per gram of alcohol, ban cut-price marketing, restrict "happy hours" and prohibit alcohol advertising near schools, playgrounds and public transport, a health ministry statement said.

Alcohol ads could only be broadcast on TV after 9 p.m., it said, and would be banned from sports grounds during events where most participants are children.

"Ireland needs to change its damaging attitude to alcohol," Health Minister Leo Varadkar said in the statement. "Four out of 10 drinkers typically engage in binge drinking."

The bill, which Varadkar said was the first in Ireland to address alcohol as a public health issue, aims to reduce average annual alcohol consumption in Ireland from 11 liters a person to 9.1 liters a person by 2020.

The statement noted that Advocate General Yves Bot of the European Court of Justice had said in September a similar plan in Scotland might breach European law, but the health ministry said it was working with the EU official on drawing up the Irish law.

The Scotch Whisky Association and two European federations for spirits and wines have challenged the Scottish legislation, saying it restricted the trade of drinks between Scotland and EU member states and could distort competition.

Ireland's largest business lobby group, IBEC, on Wednesday said the legislation failed to tackle alcohol abuse and instead penalizes responsible consumers, and could threaten jobs.

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BRIEF

Supreme Court divided over affirmative action in college admissions

The Supreme Court appeared closely divided over affirmative action in college admissions on Wednesday as conservative justices expressed doubt about a policy at the University of Texas at Austin that used race as a factor in choosing applicants.

It was unclear how the court will rule on the contentious issue after a testy 90-minute oral argument. Conservative Justice Anthony Kennedy, who often casts the deciding vote in close cases, raised the possibility of the case being sent back to a lower court for more evidence to be admitted.

Some of the court's conservatives voiced skepticism about the success of affirmative action and its long-term value.

The court is weighing for the second time a challenge to the system used by the University of Texas at Austin, the state's flagship public university, brought by a white applicant, Abigail Fisher, who was denied entry to the entering class of 2008.

The court, whose ruling is expected by the end of June, appeared split ideologically, with liberals voicing support for affirmative action programs and conservatives questioning why the Texas program was needed to promote campus diversity.

Conservative Justice Antonin Scalia questioned whether some blacks and Hispanics are actually hurt by the program because they are not strong enough candidates to be admitted purely on academic criteria. Scalia suggested they might be better off attending less academically rigorous schools.

Chief Justice John Roberts, another conservative, expressed doubt about whether the benefits of diversity can ever be properly measured. REUTERS

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Justin Bieber's Internet crush is 17 years old

Justin Bieber shared an image of a mystery girl on his Instagram with the charmingly mispunctuated caption "Who is this!!" — which was quickly answered by his legion of fans who, much like the flying monkeys of the Wicked Witch of the West, set out to fetch the account information of the mystery girl for Bieber. And it turns out she's a 17-year-old girl from Spain named Cindy Kimberly, according to BuzzFeed.

"I so do not know how to deal with this," Kimberly wrote in an Instagram post. Bieber, likely scared off by the fact that his Instagram crush is a 17-year-old, carried on with his life (posting pictures of his Playboy bunny-themed pants, and a car). What a time to be alive! MATTHEW LEE

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Louis Tomlinson dumps pregnant baby mama

One Direction member Louis Tomlinson tried — and apparently failed — to make things work with pregnant girlfriend Briana Jungwirth, as he's since broken up with her, according to Life & Style. Oh, and Jungwirth is due to give birth to his kid next month. "He dumped her," a source says, adding that the pregnant makeup artist didn't see it coming. "They had been trying to work things out the past few weeks during his One Direction tour. He even introduced Briana to his mom." Maybe that meeting didn't go so well? Anyway, lest he be labeled a complete wanker, Tomlinson has still at least "promised to love and support their child financially." So there's that.

The million-dollar Wu Tang album went to the worst possible person

Obviously there was no chance any of us were going to be the eventual owner of "Once Upon a Time in Shaolin," Wu Tang Clan's new album for which they only made one physical copy, but I didn't expect this. The new owner is none other than Martin Shkreli, the pharmaceutical CEO who rose to infamy earlier this year for jacking up the price of an AIDS medication to $750 a pill. And what's even worse? He apparently hasn't even listened to it yet, as he's saving it for when he needs a pick-me-up. "I could be convinced to listen to it earlier if Taylor Swift wants to hear it or something like that," Shkreli says, according to Bloomberg. "But for now, I think I'm going to kind of save it for a rainy day." You monster.

Halle Berry is dating again

So how is Halle Berry doing since her split from husband Olivier Martinez? Funny you should ask. Less than two months after filing for divorce, Berry "is in a very peaceful and happy place at this time" and is dating "here and there," according to E! News. "She hasn't gotten into another relationship since her breakup but she has been talking to a few people very lightly and going out when she has time. She enjoys being single and doing her own thing." So there you go.

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#ilovemyself the most when I didn't smoke the whole joint and the other half is just sitting at home ready for me when I get there

@tyrabanks
Just knocked on the wrong door of a massive mansion. House was so pretty, I was tempted to take a few steps in when lady opened door.

@RebelWilson
love this time of year where you get posted DVDs of all the potential award movies! (Most I've seen already in cinemas but love FREEbeez)

@4everBrandy
Sometimes the simplest things can make all the difference.

@rosemcgowan
Just had a script sent to me for directing. Male writer wrote a mom who every time she was seen was carrying a laundry basket.

Sam Rockwell takes comedy seriously

The actor talks about playing the goofy "Don Verdean" as a tragedy, and learning to lasso.

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Sam Rockwell has spent his career all over the map, doing serious fare ("Frost/Nixon"), comedies ("Galaxy Quest") and mixes of both ("Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," "Moon"). Right now, he's promoting the religious satire film "Don Verdean" while doing the final performances of Sam Shepard's "Fool for Love" in New York. He's used to shifting gears. In "Don Verdean," the latest from "Napoleon Dynamite" director Jared Hess, Rockwell plays a biblical archaeologist, but not a good one: Having fallen on hard times, he now fakes finds, like Goliath's head and the Holy Grail.

Jemaine Clement and Amy Ryan help a biblical archaeologist (Sam Rockwell) scam churches in "Don Verdean," on VOD Friday. LIONSGATE

This is a comedy, but you don't exactly play Don as a broadly funny character. You play him as self-hating and sad.

I really thought that was important. We had the funny hair and the glasses and the outfit. He's a funny character. At the same time, I don't think it would sustain a whole movie if we just did funny bits. Jared and I were on the same page about that. I said, "This is a funny movie, but you've written a real tragic character here." I maintain it's almost like a comedic version of "The Apostle." He's an amalgam of a lot of archetypes, like [Inspector] Clouseau or Steve Martin in "The Jerk." But he also has that thing that [Robert] Duvall's character in "The Apostle" has: He f—s up then he tries to make up for it. We needed to keep that real, otherwise I think we'd lose the audience.

You often play fast-talking characters, but Don is often the straight man.

I'm often the guy showing off in the background, like in "Galaxy Quest." "Iron Man 2," that was a flashy, comedic part. I'm happy to be the straight guy. I like playing that character; you have a moral foundation.

You had to research biblical archaeologists. One perk of being an actor is getting to learn about subjects you know little or nothing about.

I've been lassoing for a year. I've been hanging out with cowboys for this play. I've become obsessed with lassoing. I've got 14 lassos. I've broken a million lights in my apartment. I've broken a couple picture frames. I'm lassoing in the park, lassoing trashcans. You learn how to do some cool s—t, you know?

His director

This is your second film with Jared Hess, after "Gentlemen Broncos." What is it about him that keeps you coming back?

Jared is one of the most amazing people I've ever met. Him and Jerusha, his wife [and the film's co-writer], they're of this new generation of Mormons. They're modern Mormons. They're artsy and hip. And yet he doesn't swear. He makes an art form of not swearing — "dang" that and "fudge" that. He speaks softly and he carries a big stick. He knows what he wants, but he's really nice about how he gets it from you. He's not going to settle. He's kind of a gentle badass.

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Did H&M just find the new 'it' designer?

With the 2016 H&M Design Award, the Swedish fast-fashion retailer, alongside an A-list jury, looks for the future of fashion.

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Hannah Jinkins (center, with flowers) poses with the panel of judges.
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Fashion lovers, remember this name: Hannah Jinkins. The 24-year-old designer from London just beat out 400 design students from all over the world to grab H&M's Design Award 2016.

To win the coveted prize — which includes $54,000, a fall 2016 collaboration with H&M and a yearlong mentorship with the brand — Jinkins had to wow a jury of style arbiters that included Balmain's Olivier Rousteing (the brand's current collaborator), actress Kate Bosworth, H&M creative adviser Ann-Sofie Johansson and the blogosphere's biggest fashion star, Chiara Ferragni (aka The Blonde Salad).

The panel, who had already whittled down the competitors from 24 to eight semifinalists for a runway showdown at Kensington Palace in London, described the Royal College of Art student's workwear-inspired collection as "raw and refined."

Jinkins showed utilitarian looks, including oversized jumpsuits, selvedge denim and fisherman-esque smocks, some topped off with oversized brass staples.

"We're not looking for something commercial at this point," said H&M creative adviser Margareta van den Bosch of Jinkins' aesthetic. "If you have ideas, you can always make something out of it."

The winner said she's excited to see "how things can be commercialized. It'll be nice to see how people can wear [the collection] on an everyday basis." As for the cash prize? The designer intends to "invest it in her own brand, and maybe buy a puppy."

Looks from Hannah Jinkins' winning collection.

Expert advice

Ferragni, who has more than 5 million Instagram followers, had some advice for Jinkins. "She needs to create her social media vision," said the blogger. "You have to think about how you want to portray yourself. If her clothing is worn by the right people — the cool people — it can be a powerful thing and send a product viral."

"It's a matter of being really close to your target group," added Johansson of the social media phenomenon. "We look to pop culture, which is picked up on the street, goes via the runway and back to the street."

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Nick Offerman brings 'Dunces' to life at Huntington Theatre

This stage adaptation of the cult classic is super funny. We promise.

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"A Confederacy of Dunces" is a blisteringly funny novel with legions of fans who never believed it was possible to adapt John Kennedy Toole's quirky Pulitzer winner for the stage.

But naysayers behold — the Huntington Theatre Company's latest is beyond your wildest expectations.

While playwright Jeffrey Hatcher's script isn't perfect, he manages to capture major plot points and the eccentric essence of these crazy characters in the underbelly of 1960s New Orleans.

Offerman speaks at the 8th annual CraftBoston Holiday show.

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Offerman dons his 'Dunce' cap. T. CHARLES ERICKSON

Ignatius Reilly, the obese, arrogant mama's boy with a pyloric valve problem, is the unlikable vortex at the center of this maelstrom of lunacy. Yet for all his faults, you can't help but root for him.

The character is played to perfection by Nick Offerman of "Parks and Recreation" and "Fargo" fame. Offerman's complete embodiment of the oaf's physical traits, mannerisms and speech is greatly enhanced by the actor's incredible comic timing.

It also helps that the production is perfectly cast. Local favorite Paul Melendy as bumbling Patrolman Mancuso finds enough humanity in these people to make you hope they all find what they're looking for.

Director David Esbjornson staged this production with no props and very little set. It's hard to say why, but to this fan it feels it's homage to the novel author's brilliant descriptive language.

While it may not be perfect, this "Dunces" is as close as you can come to capturing the wild spirit of Ignatius Reilly and his band of misfits. Get tickets while you still can.

'A Confederacy of Dunces'

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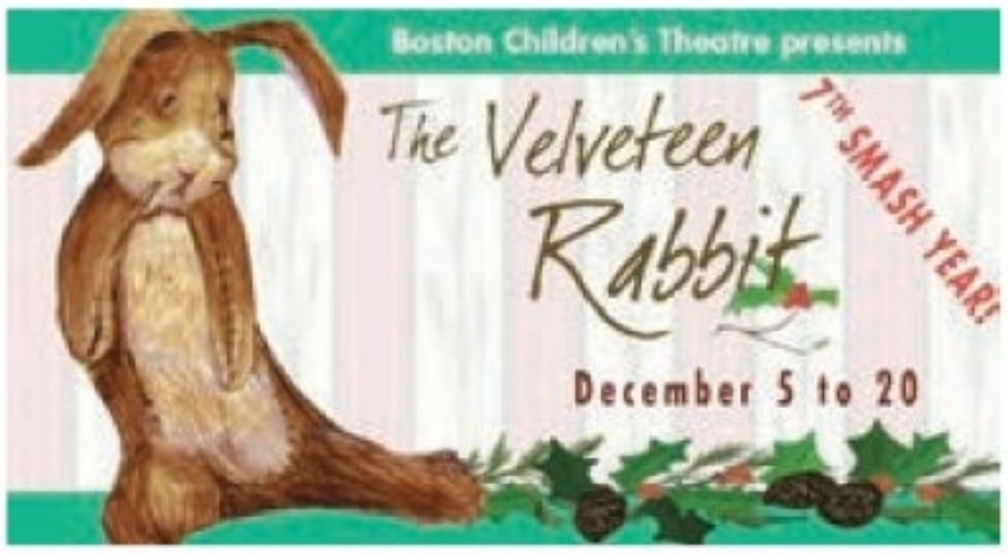

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The art of woodworking with Nick Offerman

Review of "The Confederacy of Dunces"
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It's like taking shop class with Ron Swanson.

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Manliest manly man Nick Offerman is in town to play Ignatius Reilly in the Huntington Theatre's "The Confederacy of Dunces," and will speak with fellow woodworking and breakfast enthusiasts at CraftBoston Holiday's Friday talk titled "Sawdust and Mirth." He'll go over the "importance of contemporary craft making," and attendees will have a chance to rub shoulders or share a whiskey with the man himself at the following meet-and-greet book signing.

Concerned his credentials are just for show? Nah.

The "Fargo" star hosts "Intro to Woodworking" classes at L.A.'s Off the Saw, and once schooled Martha Stewart on how to make a cedar canoe paddle. He's also the proprietor of the Offerman Wood Shop, which sells on-brand, handcrafted whiskey coasters and wide-tooth monogrammable mustache combs. Offerman doesn't make these items himself (sad face), but could he? You betcha.

Admission to the session ($35) includes access to the rest of the Society of Arts and Crafts' exhibit, where 175 vendors will sell their goods and gifts.

The eighth annual CraftBoston Holiday show runs Dec. 11-Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston. Tickets are $15 for general admission. "Sawdust and Mirth" will take place at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Juicy Wine Cakes and other 'Dunces' delights

Before there was even a curtain call, John Kennedy Toole's novel "Confederacy of Dunces' already had a cult following hungry for more.

So writer Cynthia Nobles decided to dissect the book's numerous food mentions in the glutinous tale of Ignatius J. Reilly and translate them for real-life consumption. The end product debuted in October and features nearly 200 recipes, rich in New Orleans culinary culture, inspired by the book of the same name.

Nobles, a Louisiana native, said she reread the novel five times while finalizing her recipe index, and prefaces each section with historical narrative related to the book.

She's searching for her next fiction-inspired cookbook project for LSU Press, though she laments there aren't many in the Pulitzer-winning category that mention food quite as much as "Dunces," and shared with us her favorite recipe from the book, "Juicy Wine Cakes."

Juicy Wine Cakes LSU PRESS

They're exactly what they sound like — fat little cakes soaked in wine for days before they're eaten with whipped cream in excess.

She notes, "They're absolutely delicious. I was shocked." METRO

Juicy Wine Cakes

Makes six 4-inch cakes, or 12 baked in muffin tins. (Make a day ahead.)

- 2 cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon iodized salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 12 tablespoons (1½ sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves, optional
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1½ cups dark rum, divided (or port, sherry, marsala or even wine!)
- ½ cup chilled whipping cream
- 6 cherries

1. Make cakes: Preheat oven to 325°F. Generously grease and flour six 4-inch baking molds or 12 muffin tins and set aside. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together and set aside.

2. In a large bowl, cream together butter and 1 cup sugar on medium-high mixer speed until light and fluffy, about three minutes. (Scrape down sides occasionally.) Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add cloves and vanilla.

3. Using low mixer speed, add flour mixture and ½ cup rum to butter mixture, beginning and ending with flour. Beat until just combined.

4. Pour batter into prepared pans until they're 2/3 full and level off the top. Bake on center rack of oven until brown and center springs back when lightly touched, about 40 minutes (30 minutes for muffins).

5. Remove from oven and cool 5 minutes in pans. Remove cakes from pans and place on a rack to cool.

6. Make Wine Syrup: Boil together 2/3 cup water and remaining 1 cup sugar until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat, pour into a 4-cup measuring cup or equivalent shaped bowl and cool 2 minutes. Stir in remaining 1 cup rum.

7. Completely submerge each cake in syrup and hold down in the liquid a few seconds. Place saturated cakes in a rimmed baking pan. Pour remaining wine syrup over cakes. Wrap pan tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

8. When ready to serve, place cream in a medium bowl and beat with an electric mixer at medium-high speed until stiff peaks form. Place cakes on a rimmed serving dish and pour remaining wine syrup over each. Top each with a spoonful of whipped cream and a cherry.

Jojo: 'I get what my older songs are about now'

The pop singer opens up about her relationship woes, record label drama and starting a new chapter in her music career.

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Many people still think of Jojo as the tween from her "Too Little Too Late" days, but the pop singer is back and getting attention from both her old fans and new ones.

After a seven-year battle with her former label, which would not release her third album, Jojo has a new deal with Atlantic Records, three new songs and a new full album in the works. "I try not to think of it as being burned but as just part of my journey," she says of the industry drama. "It gave me an edge and ability to be equipped this time around."

On ex-boyfriends

Jojo tells us she was going through a breakup when she started working on the new songs. "I was in a state of high emotion when I started recording," she says. Her music has always been influenced by her love life, which she admits isn't always a good thing.

"Sometimes I stay in situations longer for material and for the emotions they bring up," the 24-year-old says.

"As I get older, I realize that's not really good. I need to chill. But the content it creates is sometimes worth the struggle."

Going viral

In just three weeks, the "When Love Hurts" music video, her current single, racked up well over a million views, and Jojo says she was shocked by all the attention.

"I was wicked surprised! I was scared and wasn't sure what the response was going to be, but it's an incredible feeling knowing when I go [on tour] I'll see so many familiar and new faces."

Jojo's excited about the new songs, but she doesn't mind taking a trip down memory lane. "I actually enjoy performing [them] more now," she says.

"I didn't love 'Leave (Get Out)' when I put it out, and now that I'm older and I've loved, it has a new meaning for me. I've definitely kicked somebody out of my house, so I get it now!"

"I was wicked surprised!" Jojo says of all the attention her "When Love Hurts" music video received when it was released. PROVIDED

Jojo in concert

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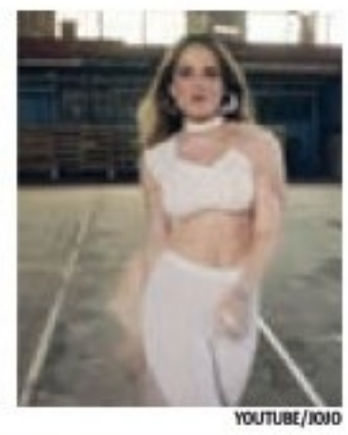
How to get Jojo's killer abs

Jojo rocks a crop top in the "When Love Hurts" music video, and it's easy to see why — she's in sick shape. Here, she shares her three best workout tips.



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1. **Vary your workout.** "I have fun trying out different workouts. I do CrossFit and belong to a gym, where I do cardio intervals."

2. **Incorporate weights.** "Holding a weighted bar or weighted plate is good for deepening cuts. I feel strong when my core is strong."

3. **Try active resistance training.** "I like working against my natural weight to tone."

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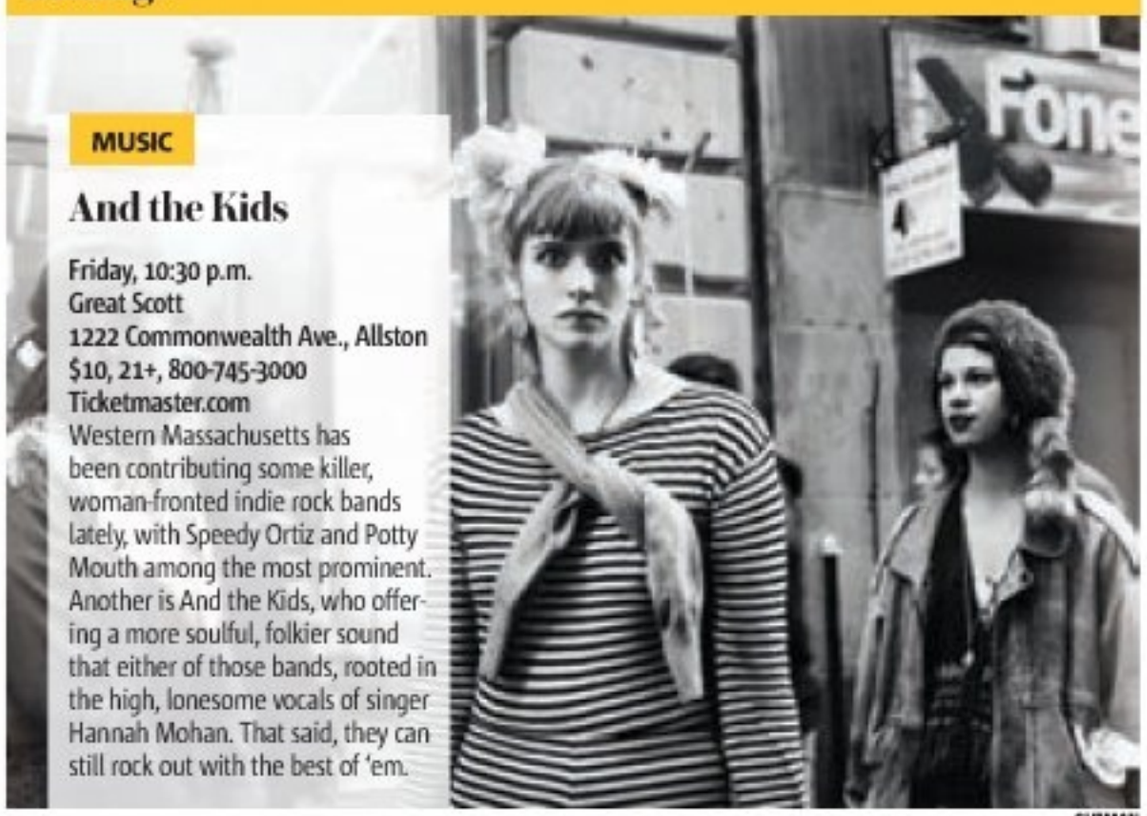

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And the Kids

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Western Massachusetts has been contributing some killer, woman-fronted indie rock bands lately, with Speedy Ortiz and Potty Mouth among the most prominent. Another is And the Kids, who offering a more soulful, folkier sound that either of those bands, rooted in the high, lonesome vocals of singer Hannah Mohan. That said, they can still rock out with the best of 'em.

DRINK

Winter Welcome Party

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Everett-based craft brewery Night Shift rings in the winter months with this three-stop party, featuring live music from Sam Reid and the Riot Act, food from Munch Mobile Kitchen, classic video games at Bit Fest arcade and tours of both Night Shift and the nearby Short Path Distillery, which will be offering some yet-to-be-announced creations.

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The Frog Pond may have Boston's most iconic outdoor rink, but Kendall Square's holding it down north of the Charles as an alternative option. All day Saturday, admission will be free. You'll still need to pay if you want to rent skates, though. At 2 p.m. Frozen Frog productions will put on a skating show with professional and international talents.

FOOD

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Saturday and Sunday
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CULTURE

Boston Tea Party Reenactment

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Old South Meeting House
310 Washington St., Boston
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Gottea2015.bpt.me
However you feel about American history, you gotta admit the Boston Tea Party was one of the great frat boy-style pranks, right up there with the Trojan Horse. For this year's reenactment they'll actually be throwing in tea from the East India Company. Part 1, at the Old South Meeting House, is ticketed ($25), but the rest of the drama is free of charge.

MOVIES

La Belle et la Bete

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Free, 617-912-0400
Frenchculturalcenter.org
Napoleon spread French culture through imperial conquest, but the French Cultural Center is a lot more chill, preferring to host events like this screening of the 2014 French version of "Beauty and the Beast." Much darker in tone than the Disney version, director Christophe Gans' rendition imagines an entirely original backstory for the Beast. Interested parties should RSVP by phone or online.

Etheria Film Night

Friday and Saturday
Somerville Theater
55 Davis Sq., Somerville
$15
Allthingshorror.ticketleap.com
So you're tired of the holiday season already? We hear ya. Go back to Halloween at this this miniature film festival, featuring an international collection of six horror shorts and a feature, "Inner Demon," all of them directed by women doing badass work in a notoriously dude-dominated genre.

COMEDY

Laughing Liberally Boston

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Riot Theater
146a South St., Jamaica Plain
$8, 617-942-0294
Theriottheater.com
If you're like the majority of Bostonians, and you go for the progressive candidate at the ballot box, you'll enjoy this monthly evening of left-leaning political comedy, hosted by Matthew Filipowicz.

DANCE

Tony Williams' Urban Nutcracker

Friday through December 27
Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley St., Boston
$25-$85, 617-524-4381
Urbannutcracker.com
Choreographer Tony Williams has offered his unique take on "The Nutcracker" for 15 years now. Based around Duke Ellington's jazz adaptation of Tchaikovsky's score, it integrates lots of other groovier sounds as well, and a multicultural rainbow of dance forms.

MUSIC

Marti Epstein: Works for Toy Piano

Friday, 8 p.m.
Gallery 263
263 Pearl St., Cambridge
$10, contact@gallery263.com
Gallery263.com
The toy piano has a beautifully spooky, out-of-tune sound, but beyond the occasional pop song appearance ("Summer Breeze" by Seals and Crofts; "Good Day" by the Dresden Dolls), few have dared compose for the very limited instrument. Nonetheless, for this concert, the intrepid Marti Epstein will play compositions by nine different folks who took the challenge, including herself.

Deerhunter

Thursday, 9 p.m.
Royale
279 Tremont St., Boston
$20-$23, 18+, 800-745-3000
Ticketmaster.com
While they had a notoriously uncomfortable show in Los Angeles earlier on this tour, Deerhunter have played it straight otherwise, delivering their shimmering indie pop as only they can. Apparently it's been a weird year for frontman Bradford Cox, who suffered a serious car accident that allegedly prompted an emotional awakening, strongly influencing the tone of Deerhunter's latest record, "Fading Frontier."

Madisen Ward and the Mama Bear

Sunday, 8 p.m.
Brighton Music Hall
158 Brighton Ave., Allston
$12, 18+, 800-745-3000
Ticketmaster.com
It's not too often you see a mother-son band. We could make a bunch of snarky jokes about this, but to be honest, the music's more interesting—a stirring, yearning folk style, with Ward leading on vocals and the Mama Bear jumping in for familial harmonies. Now and then they throw in the offbeat cover song--Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams" is one. MATTHEW DINARO

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Beyond the French Quarter

There's so much more to New Orleans than its historic (and touristy) French Quarter. Explore these nearby neighborhoods to find great art, architecture and music — without the crowds.

Most visitors to the Big Easy make a beeline for Bourbon Street. This vibrant thoroughfare in the heart of the French Quarter is famous for its live jazz bars and boisterous nightlife. But locals head for Frenchmen Street, a short walk away. Every night of the week, you'll hear anything from gypsy jazz, to brass bands, to reggae, to blues in its laid-back live music clubs and outside on the street. Frenchmen Street is in Faubourg Marigny, the city's first suburb, founded in 1805 when Bernard de Marigny subdivided his family's plantation. Today it's a hip neighborhood of quaint Creole cottages and long, narrow shotgun-style houses, most of them painted in bright Caribbean colors. A feast for the eyes and the camera, Marigny is a great place for a stroll or a bike ride.

Tremé, one of the oldest African-American neighborhoods in the country, is also a short walk from the French Quarter. Among its historical highlights are St. Augustine Church, the Backstreet Cultural Museum and Louis Armstrong Park. Free Jazz in the Park concerts take place here during spring and fall. Set in the park's southern corner, Congo Square was the site of 19th-century drumming and dance gatherings that gave rise to jazz.

Head upriver to the Garden District to see elegant antebellum mansions built by the first Americans who settled in New Orleans in the 1800s. Stroll along leafy streets to admire these amazing homes, adorned with Greek Revival pillars, elaborate ironwork and other decorative features. Don't miss Lafayette Cemetery on Washington Avenue, with its elaborate family tombs.

Magazine Street marks the district's southern border. A destination in its own right, this 6-mile stretch is bustling with boutiques, art galleries, antique shops, trendy restaurants and neighborhood bars and cafes.

A quick cab ride brings you to Central City, where the old Dryades Street Market has been transformed into the delightful Southern Food & Beverage Museum. Next door, the New Orleans Jazz Market, a new performance space specially built for jazz, is the place to catch Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra — the hottest ticket in town.

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Getting around

- **Free Wheelin' Bike Tours** offers bike rentals as well as tours taking in Faubourg Marigny, Tremé, City Park and the Garden District.
- The old-fashioned **St. Charles Avenue streetcar** runs from Canal Street through the Garden District. Get off at Washington Avenue and walk five blocks through the neighborhood to Magazine Street.
- The **New Orleans African American Museum** offers Tremé walking tours that give an insight into the area's rich history.

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Christmastime in historic Annapolis

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It's all about tradition as the city celebrates the season with lantern-lit tours, classic concerts and ballets, and a holiday parade — of boats.

Maryland's waterfront capital city has never lost its Colonial charm and historic atmosphere. During the holidays, that means the buildings along the cobblestone streets are festooned with greens and period decorations, with not an inflatable snowman in sight.

You can get into the mood with a lantern-light stroll every evening. Traditions, history, legends and lore are brought alive by costumed guides. The 90-minute walk through the historic area around the city dock, State House and Church Circle ends with a guided tour of the Hammond-Harwood House, one of the Colonial mansions that's seen over 200 Christmases. Local garden clubs decorate the interior of the mansion in a holiday theme.

Cruise with Santa aboard the Jolly Express. The evening ride, in an enclosed small workboat with Santa at the helm, chugs up quiet Spa Creek. The boat is Santa's water "sleigh" and is decorated "reindeer-style," complete with a red nose at the bow (**Annapolistours.com** for both tours).

Many cities have Christmas parades, but considering that Annapolis is on the Chesapeake Bay, it's no wonder that its parade floats. On Dec. 12, come for the annual Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade. Starting at 6 p.m., dozens of decorated and lit boats sail along the shore. In the darkness, all you'll see are the displays as they float past.

If you want more lights, head for Sandy Point State Park at the foot of the Bay Bridge, and the Lights on the Bay. Nearly 60 displays glow along the beach and reflect off the water. Along with the usual snowmen and reindeer, there are some local favorites, like animated midshipmen tossing their hats in the air (a graduation tradition at the Naval Academy). Holiday music is part of the celebrations, of course. The Ballet Theatre of Maryland (**Balletmaryland.org**) stages "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 19 and 20. Historic St. Anne's Church, the first church in Annapolis, is a fitting venue for Handel's "Messiah." On Dec. 18, 19 and 20, the Annapolis Chorale Chamber Chorus, Annapolis Chamber Orchestra (**Liveartsmaryland.org**) and soloists perform the oratorio in the candlelit church.

The holiday season ends with a bang — literally. The family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration has two fireworks displays planned Dec. 31. Keeping kids in mind, the early show is at 7:30 p.m., with another display at midnight. The party begins mid-afternoon at the City Dock with lots of kids' activities. There are street performers, dancing, music and food vendors. Shops and restaurants plan special events and menus.

For more information about the holiday schedule and suggestions for accommodations and logistics, check out **Visitannapolis.org**.

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CELTICS ARE PERFECT TEAM TO CONQUER 'THE STREAK'

Stephen Curry and Avery Bradley will see plenty of each other Friday at TD Garden. GETTY IMAGES

OPINION

MATT BURKE
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Ryan Hannable breaks down the Red Sox at **metro.us**

Brad Stevens has already done what Rick Pitino couldn't do: win without having to use hookers.

OK, that's a bit unfair. We don't know for sure if squeaky-clean Stevens ever did shady things to get talented kids to commit to Butler. But we do know that Stevens can get an NBA team to the postseason using a deep roster of average-to-below average pro players. Pitino could not do that here when he was in charge of the Celtics.

The "college approach" in the NBA does not work long term. And it seems as though Stevens has adapted well to the "pro style." But for one night only, it might be time to go back to the college antics.

Friday night at TD Garden will be a "kitchen-sink" kind of evening for Stevens and the C's as they welcome the undefeated and undisputed NBA champion Golden State Warriors to the Garden.

It will be the first "big" regular season game in the Stevens era and the first "must-see" Celtics game since Pierce and Garnett were still here.

The Warriors, who now own an astounding record of 23-0, are the new rock stars of the NBA. They're the Miami Heat of the early 2010s. They're the Chicago Bulls of mid-1990s. They're the Celtics and Lakers of the 1980s. And they are more than worth the price of admission.

What Golden State is doing right now just doesn't happen in this league (particularly with the style they use). The NBA not-so-long-ago was a league where the regular season was a glorified preseason, not a toned-down postseason. But the Warriors are sprinting right now and they don't look like they'll take their foot off the accelerator until late June. Beating them now, next month or next spring — just once — will be a monumental task.

But if there's one team that can do it — for one night only — it is a Stevens-coached team. Stevens is the master of the one-game elimination, going back to his college days. During those runs, his teams adapted to their opponent and found their weaknesses.

The Warriors, of course, have few weaknesses. But expect Stevens to find it on Friday night.

Golden State is already the best small-ball team of all time, so it's quite possible the Celtics will go big. They called up 6-foot-8 rookie Jordan Mickey from the Red Claws on Wednesday — possibly a hint that it'll be a go big or go home kind of affair.

Of course, Stevens might also have Avery Bradley and two other guards on the floor at the same time in an attempt to keep up with Stephen Curry. Or he could just have Bradley play Curry one-on-one and pray for a bad shooting night from Curry (if those do, in fact, exist).

No, the tried-and-true college full-court press won't work against Curry and his superb ball-handling skills. But there could be some wacky zones in store for Golden State.

There are a million different gameplans Stevens could use against the Warriors. He's paid to find the right one. Here's saying he will and the Celtics will be the team to conquer the streak.

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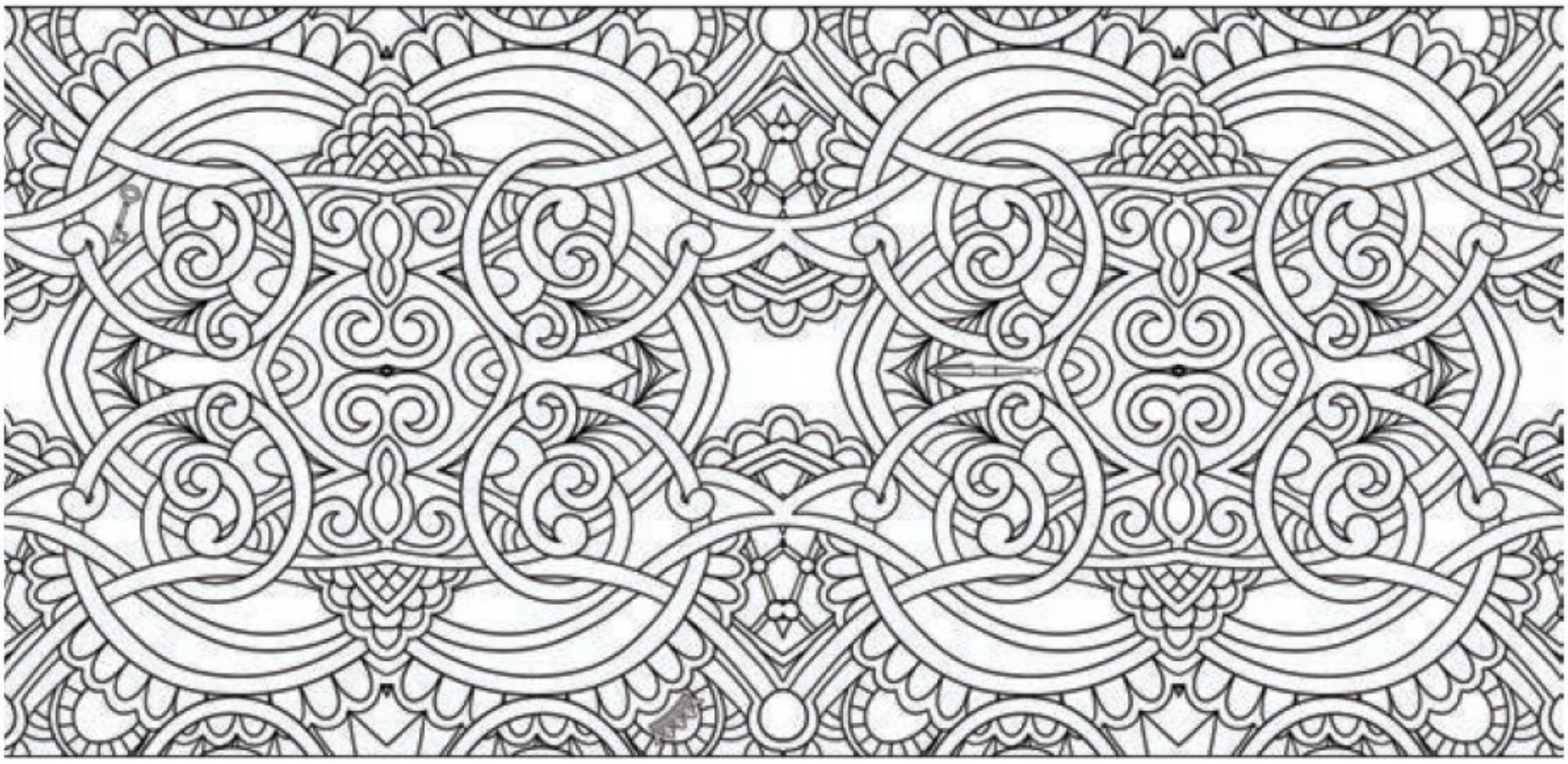

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Aries Don't stop short of your goals. Unfinished business will leave you feeling anxious and unable to enjoy the festive season.

Taurus There is a lesson you can learn and information you can apply that will help you take advantage of similar circumstances.

Gemini You'll end up being a scapegoat if you aren't careful. Don't claim to be able to do something you can't. Be upfront about your feelings.

Cancer Enjoy life, and put friends and family first. Do a little shopping and engage in talks that lead you down memory lane.

Leo Discipline and hard work along with compassion and generosity will put you in a prime position. Network with colleagues.

Virgo An interesting talk with someone from a different background will spark your imagination and spur curiosity about a joint venture.

Libra A last-minute change of plans can be expected. Don't let others' actions ruin your plans. Attend an event or activity even if you have to go alone.

Scorpio It's a good time to make personal changes that will update your appearance and give your morale a boost. Romance is in the stars.

Sagittarius Exaggeration will make you look bad. Stick to facts and be open about your motives. No one can fault you for being honest.

Capricorn Prepare to head into the upcoming year ready to take on whatever comes your way. Preparation and clear vision will be your saving graces.

Aquarius Your involvement in the hustle and bustle that take place this time of year will encourage you to take on more responsibility.

Pisces Don't make promises you cannot keep. Steer clear of indulgent people or deals that are too good to be true. EUGENIA LAST

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Across

1 Weight rebate
5 Excessive
10 Butterfly stage
14 Poet's black
15 Advances
16 Whaler of fiction
17 New Year's Eve word
18 Pantyhose brand
19 Churn up
20 Braced oneself
22 Terrestrial
24 Turkish potentate
25 Zippy's word
26 Chair feature
30 They pay monthly
34 Female kangaroos
35 Put up alfalfa
37 Olden times
38 "Ben- —"
39 Tease
40 Gullet
41 Eye amorously
43 Remains undecided
45 Runner's concern
46 Flimsier
48 Earned, as assets
50 Band booking
51 Playfully shy
52 Educational institution
56 Kabob sticks
60 Drama prize
61 Drive onward
63 Ersatz butter
64 Crooked
65 Brother's daughter
66 Great Lakes state
67 Toodle-oos
68 Park feature
69 By — of hard work

Down

1 Afternoon receptions
2 Border on
3 Cattle-call reward
4 Wins over
5 Free Fido
6 Exigency
7 Mr. Hammarskjold
8 Natural impulse
9 Tried
10 Not completely
11 Oops! (hyph.)
12 Water carrier
13 Like a pro
21 Size above med.
23 Howard or Perlman
26 Committee type (2 wds.)
27 Scratchy
28 — Haggard
29 Buyer
30 Lingerie buy
31 Tent dweller
32 Vestige
33 Repaired a seam
36 Feminine principle
42 Aerie hatchlings
43 Identifying
44 Grain cutters
45 Building material
47 Fruit pastry
49 Help-wanted abbr.
52 Lee J. —
53 Not defy
54 Bus route
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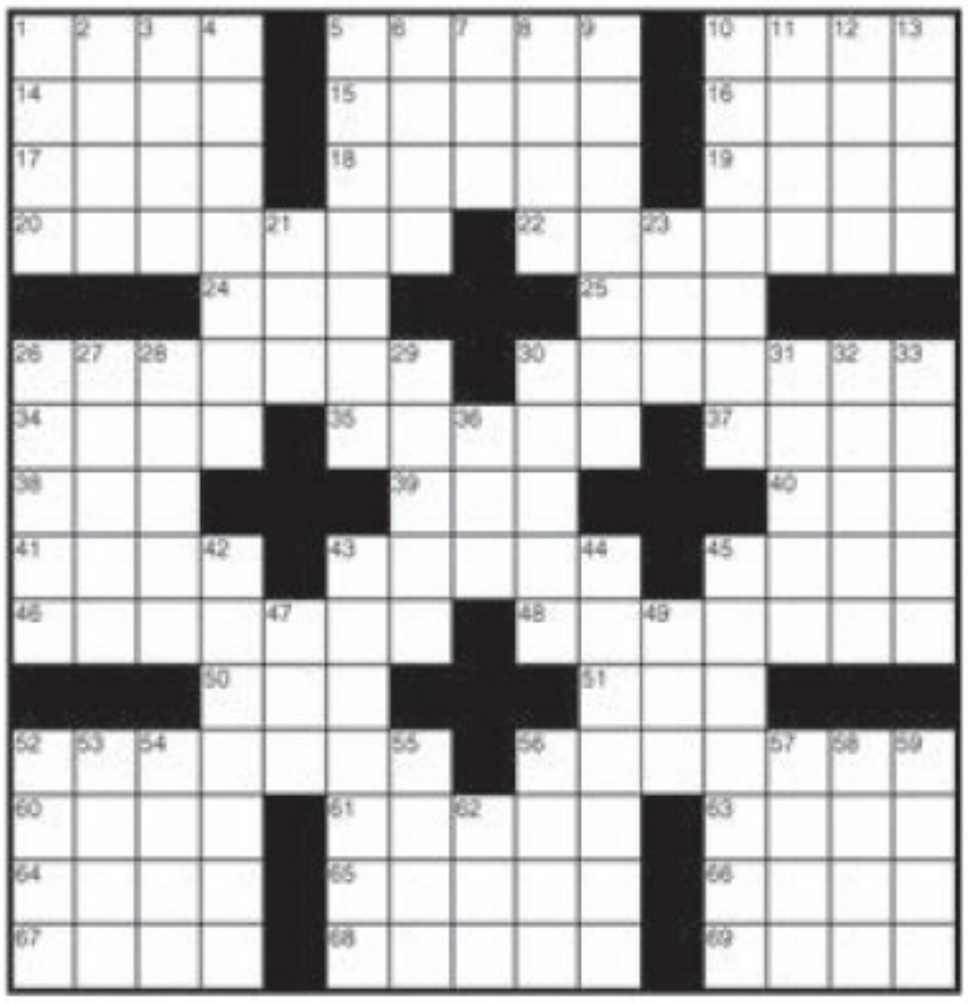
56 Dry wines
57 Post-kindergarten
58 Jockey's brake
59 Carbon deposit
62 Round veggie



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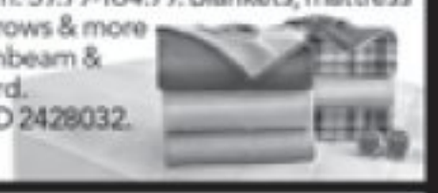

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